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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, November 20, 2017
Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Impacts: *Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are expected over the E-Central NM into the TX Panhandle this afternoon.*

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Key Points



Today through Friday

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are possible for the next few days from E-Central NM into the TX Panhandle today and from SE NM into W TX on Tuesday
- No other significant weather is expected

Tropical Outlook

- No new tropical cyclones are expected during the next five days

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Nov 20, 2017 through Nov 24, 2017

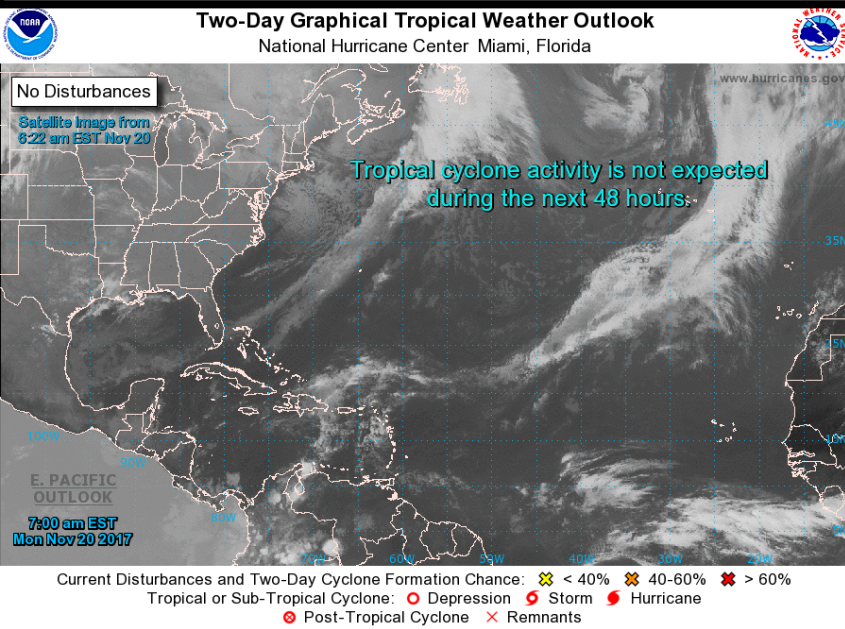
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	E-Central NM, NW TX	SE NM, W TX			
Winter					
River Flooding					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

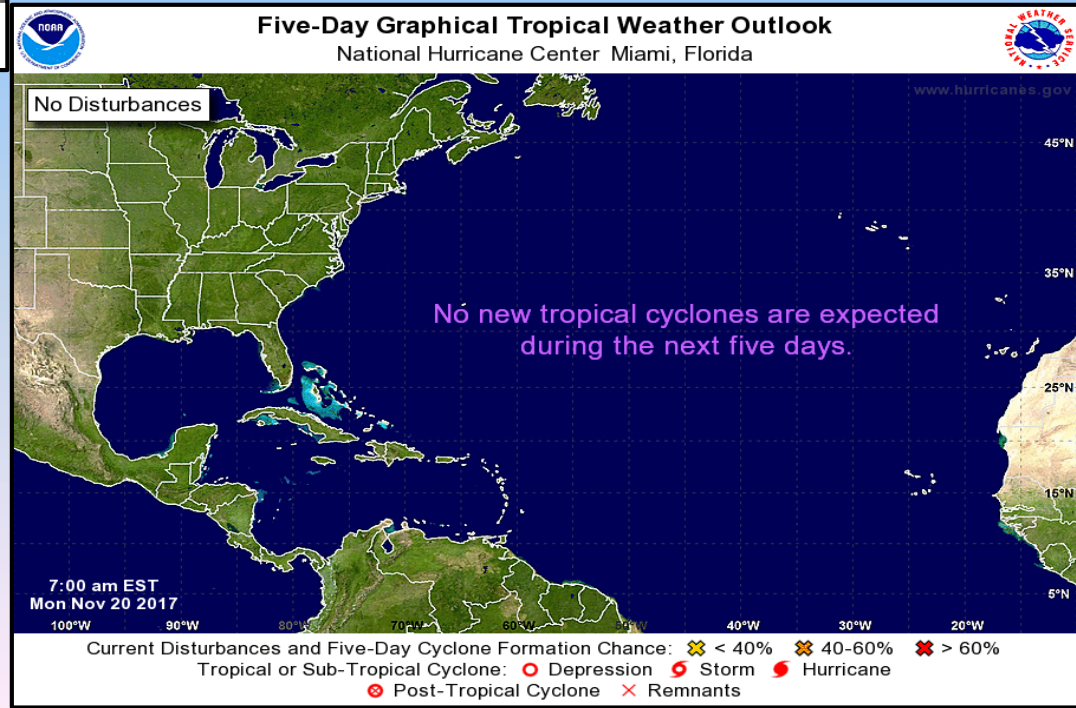
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



Tropical Weather Outlook

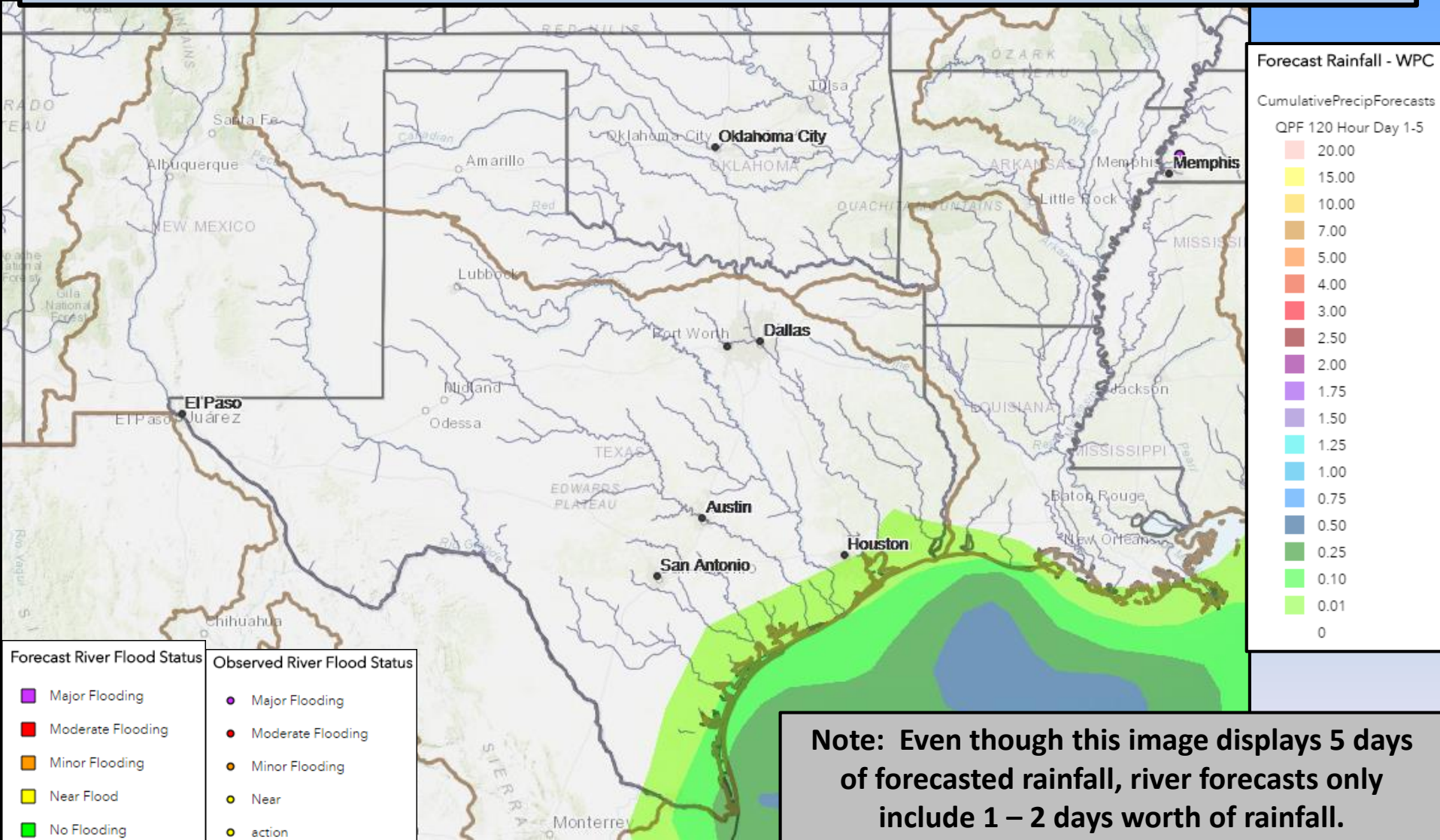


No new tropical cyclones are expected during the next five days.



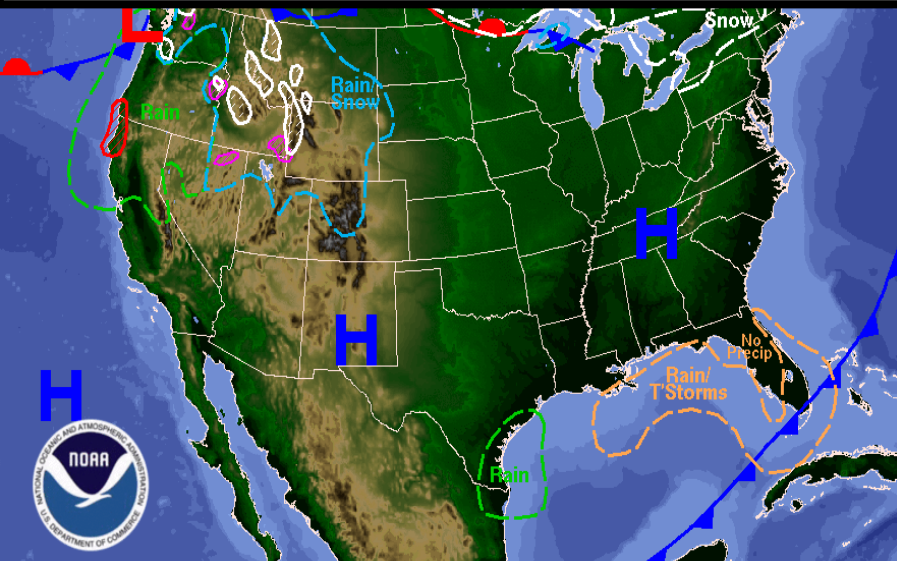
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

No significant river flooding is occurring or expected.



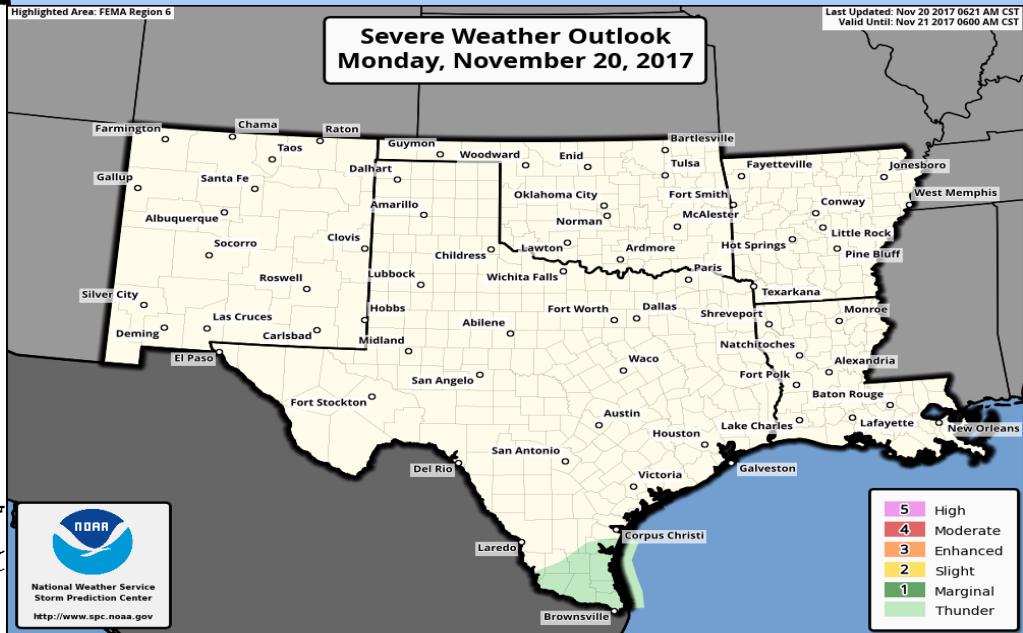
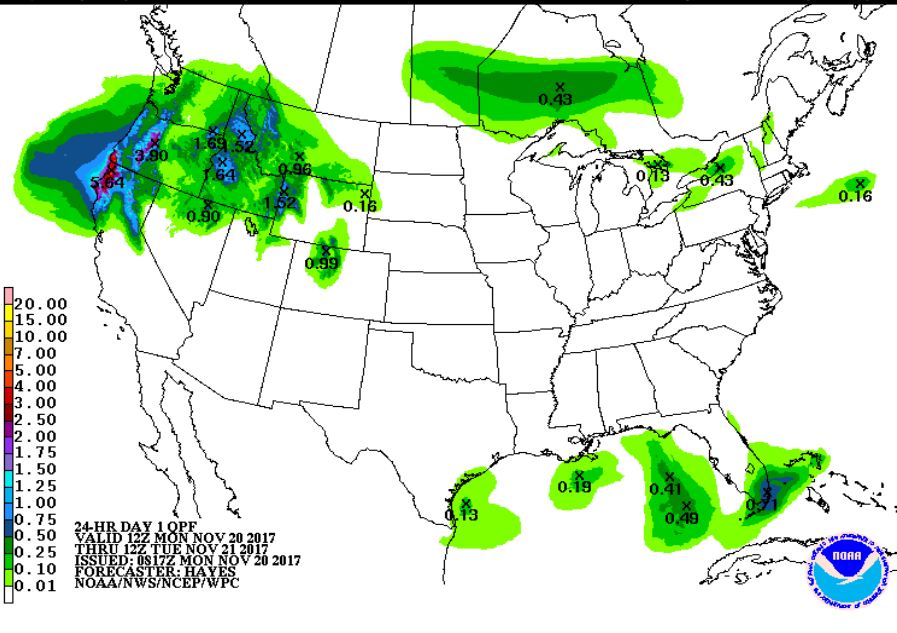
For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

Today's Weather

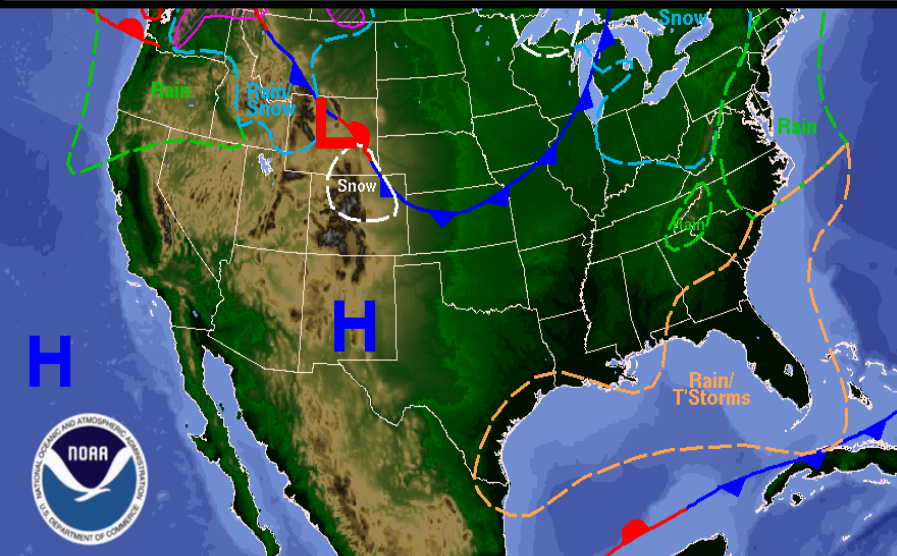


Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible from E-Central NM through the TX Panhandle.

Day 1 National Forecast Chart
 Valid Mon, Nov 20, 2017, issued 4:41 AM EST
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts



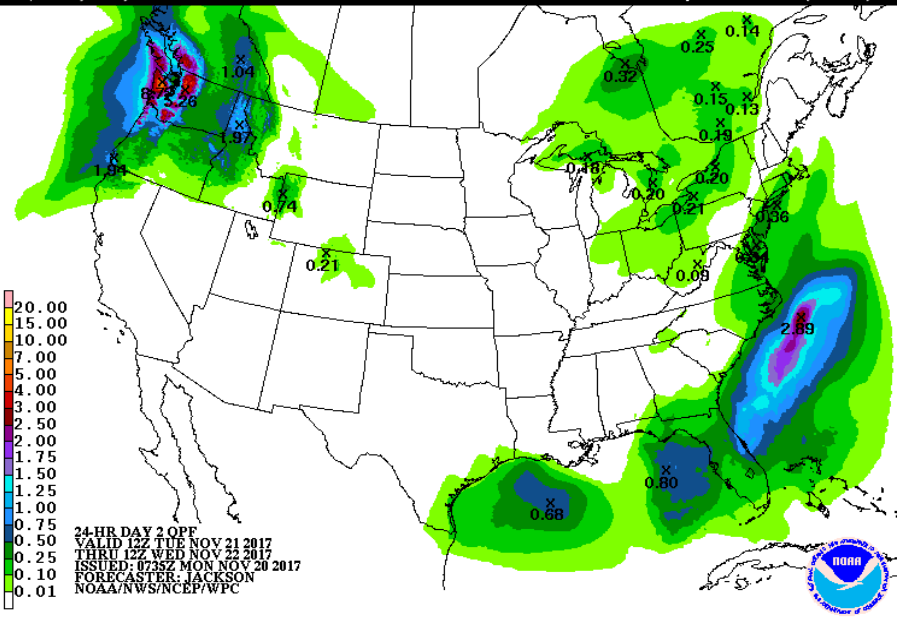
Tomorrow's Weather



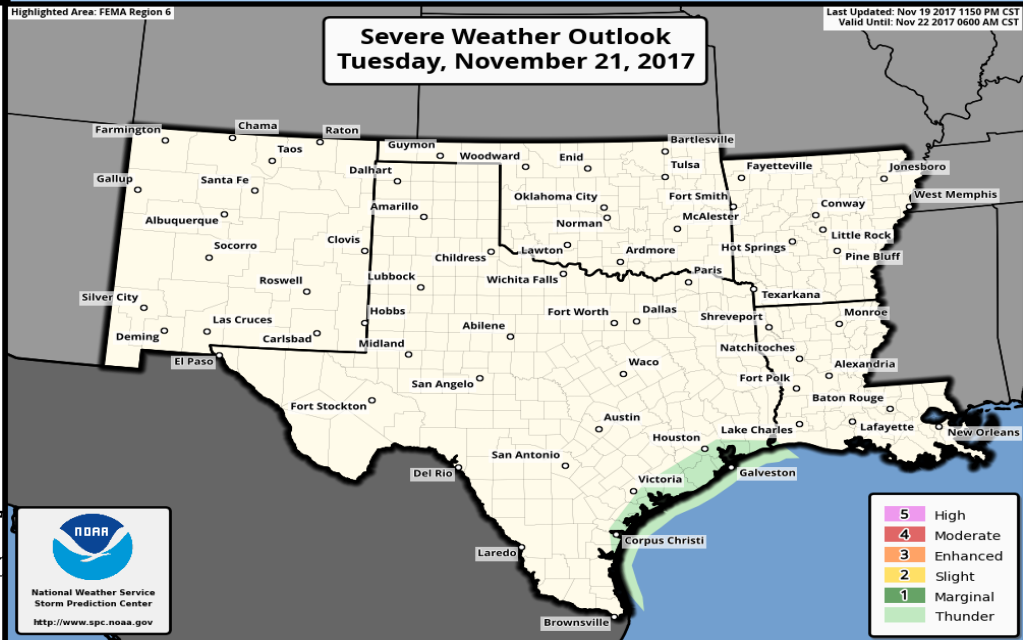
Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Nov 21, 2017, issued 4:45 AM EST Mon, Nov 20, 2017
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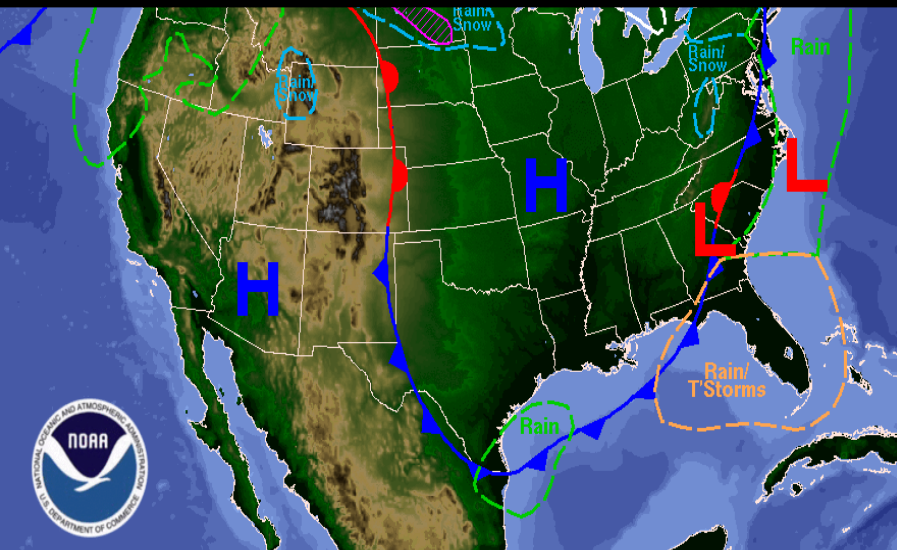
Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Elevated fire weather conditions are possible from SE NM into W TX.



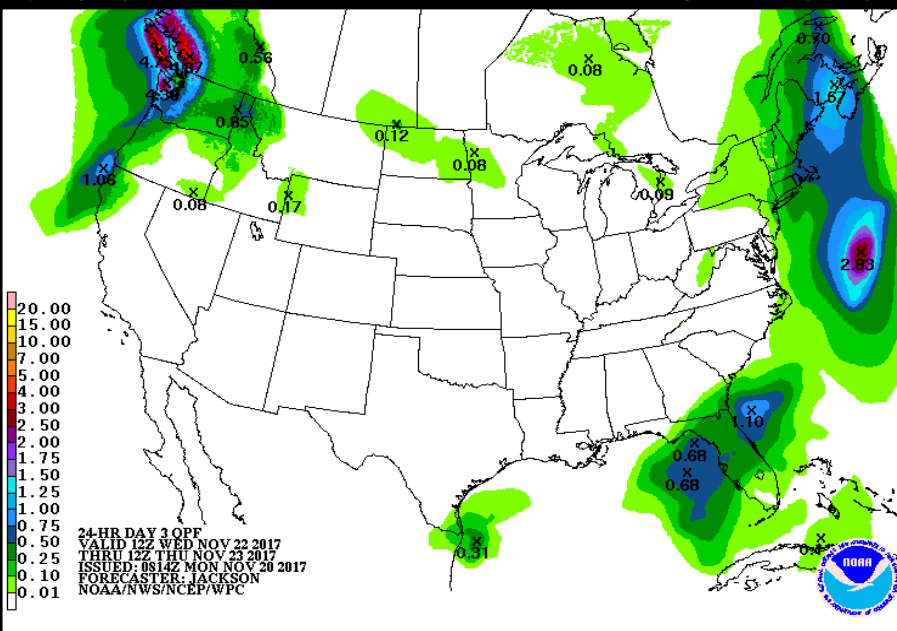
Wednesday's Weather



Day 3 National Forecast Chart

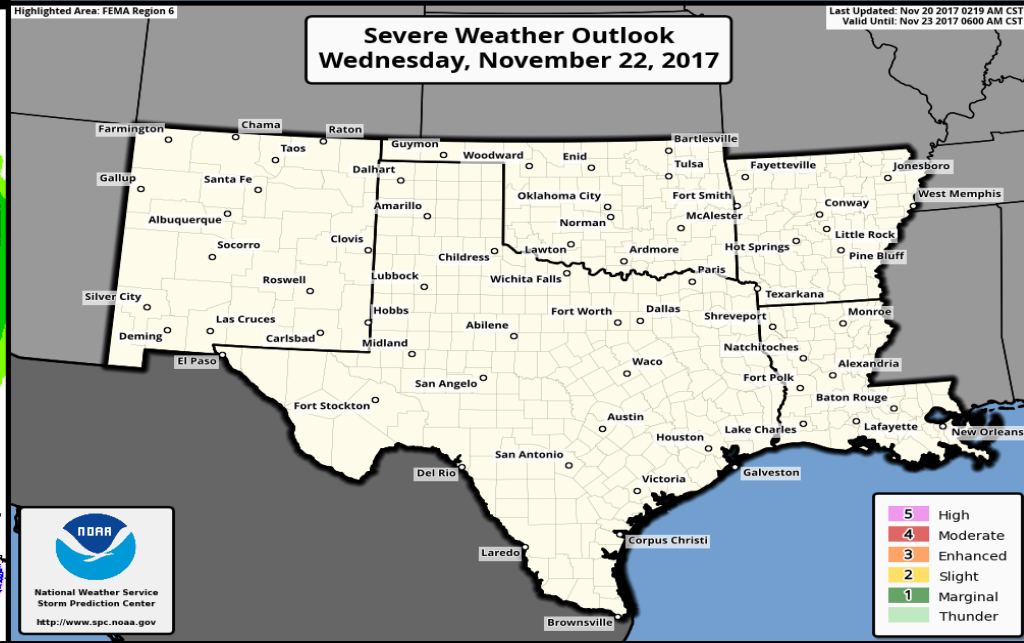
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 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



24-HR DAY 3 OVF
 VALID 12Z WED NOV 22 2017
 THRU 12Z THU NOV 23 2017
 ISSUED: 0914Z MON NOV 20 2017
 FORECASTER: JACKSON
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.



**Severe Weather Outlook
 Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

Last Updated: Nov 20 2017 0219 AM CST
 Valid Until: Nov 23 2017 0600 AM CST

- 5 High
- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder

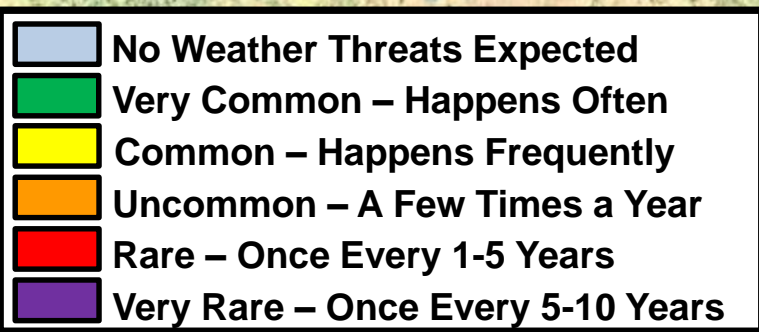


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

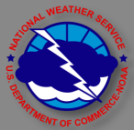
Thursday - Friday



**No Significant Weather
Impacts**

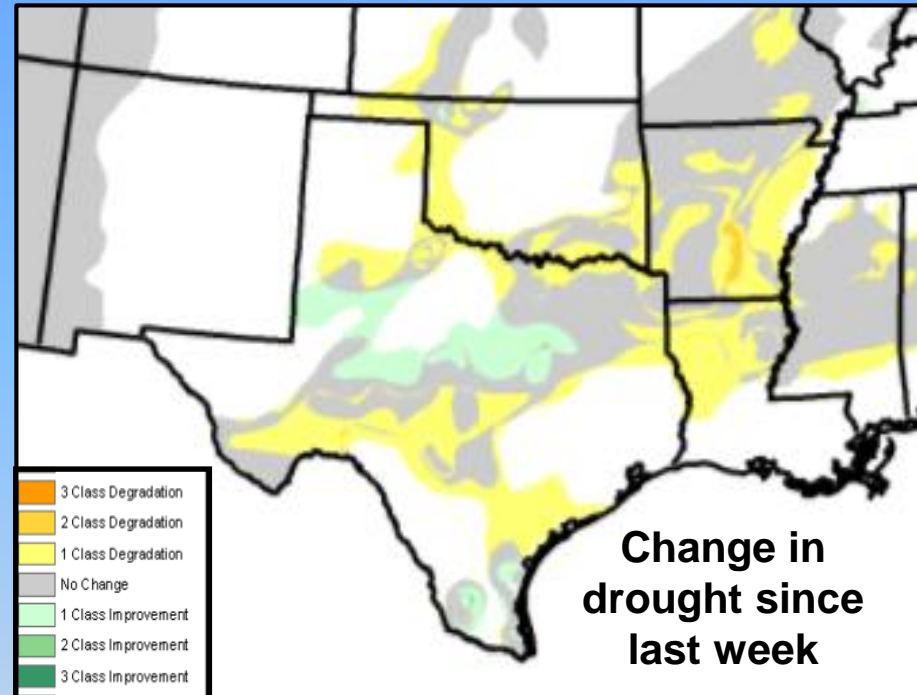
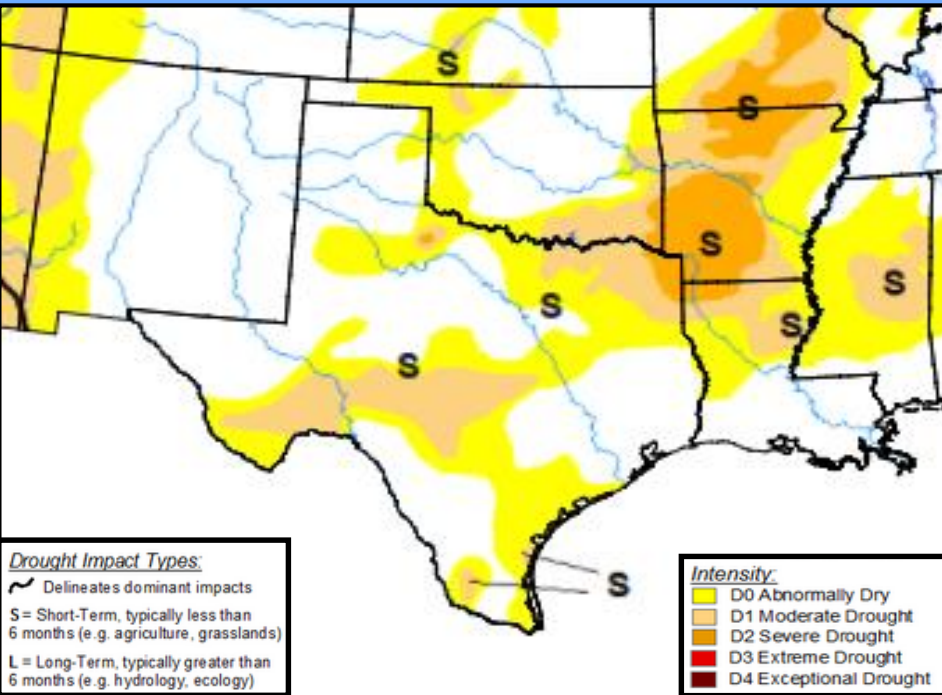


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released November 16, 2017

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, November 14, 2017



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.65%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.13%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.63%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.59%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

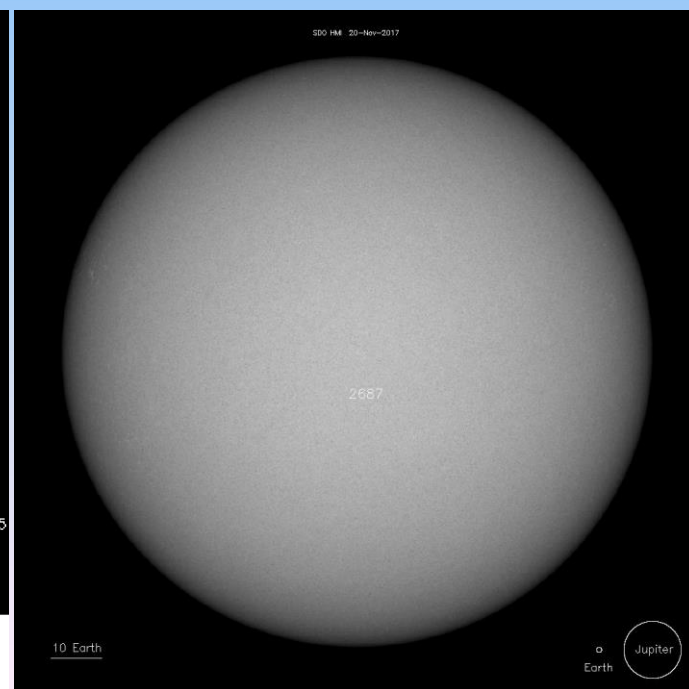
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms